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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1891.

A Mr. ADOLPHUS OFFENHEIMER, a German Jew if we mistake not, came up for examination in the London Bankruptcy Court the other day. ADOLPHUS had come from that favored land of the Golden-fleece, Australia; on much the same errand that Mr. BECHER of Pannom renown went from Hongkong in '89—to dispose of a mine, the Razorback Gold and Antimony Mine of New South Wales, and entered into arrangements with Lord Rothschild to transfer the property to an exploration company for £50,000. This company eventually declined to purchase on the alleged ground that the property was too small for their purpose; and some other similar schemes also fell through. When Mr. OFFENHEIMER left Australia negotiations were pending for the disposal of the mine to a projected company for £50,000, of which sum the promoters were to receive the comparative trifle of £30,000 as their share. This affair also fell through. In consequence, Mr. OFFENHEIMER said, of his Australian creditors having taken possession of the mine on the strength of a receiving order. Under examination the would-be vendor stated that one third of the £50,000 was certainly a large proportion to go to the promoters of the proposed company as the only expenses they were to defray were those of floating the concern; but he plaintively remarked that he was a stranger to the country when he came to England, but his subsequent experience

showed him that it was impossible to start an English company to take over any kind of business without giving the lions share of it to a set of persons who had no interest whatever in the property and amidst great laughter in court he added that the only person to receive nothing at all was the owner. Parenthetically we may here be allowed to wonder, if a certain concern in which a deal of local money is invested and which is rumoured may before very long be submitted to London investors will meet with a like fate to that of friend ADOLPHUS?

Into the merits of Mr. OFFENHEIMER's mission *re* this Razorback Gold and Antimony Mine it is not necessary to enter; it will be sufficient for our present purpose to suggest that there is a family likeness in various particulars between this German experts pilgrimage to "plant" a mining enterprise on a confiding English public and that journey of Mr. BECHER's—another of the Fatherland's experts we believe—to dispose of the Pannom Company's property, of which so much has been said in this colony. The result appears to have been similar in both cases—a crushing failure. Our excellent friends the local Directors of the Pannom Company have publicly expressed their satisfaction with Mr. BECHER's negotiations in London, but somehow the general body of shareholders are unable to see any grounds for this satisfaction and look uncommonly glum when the subject is mentioned. They also use very bad language regarding Mr. BECHER's success as a commercial negotiator, and meet the Directors congratulatory prophecies by a reference to the awkward fact that when the great mining expert and manager left for London to pave the Stock Exchange with Pannom gold the Company's shares were quoted at about 830, whereas they are now practically worthless, to-day's quotation being 83 and a purely nominal one even at that greatly abbreviated figure. This may show a great lack of appreciation on our part, but doubtless one of these days the Pannom mystery in London will be thoroughly cleared up, and those shareholders who may still have any doubts will be thoroughly convinced of the actual strength or rather weakness of what can only be fairly described as an exhibition of insane speculative folly, which has no parallel even in the very varied record of local limited liability ventures. Details of the promoter's labors and perquisites in connection with the formation of certain of the British North Borneo fiascos would likewise afford very interesting reading, especially in view of recent events, and those shareholders who had taken active steps in this direction would have placed the Hongkong public, as well as those whose money has been sunk in these "wild-cat" ventures, under a lasting obligation if they had successfully pursued their inquiries to the bitter end.

TELEGRAMS.

BEHRING STRAITS DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, January 28th.

The United States Attorney-General has filed an answer in the "Sayward" case and maintains the seizure was legal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MESSRS. Bateman, bankers, of New York, have failed for 7,000,000 dollars, not 1,000,000 as previously reported.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Argona* left Nagasaki for this port at 3 p.m. yesterday.

THE Turkish Government intends, it is said, to send a man-of-war to Japan with an Ambassador on board.

A METHOD of successfully treating scarlet fever, with cecylus oil is said to have been discovered by Dr. Curguenven, an English medical man.

A PARAGRAPH may have as much force as a treatise. If a man can be killed with a darning needle, why hire trained elephants to roll over him?

THERE are already 45,000 railway men out on strike in Scotland for a reduction in the hours of labour, and traffic on the North British Railway is almost paralyzed.

NELLIE Leamer, a lively London music-hall song-and-dance artist, has married the Hon. Ducombe, brother of the Duchess of Leinster. Another pick-me-up to stagnant blue-blood.

THE *Hiroshima*, *Mary* and *Ginkah*, *Mary*, which were ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha from a Glasgow ship-building yard last summer, have been completed, and will be brought out to Japan shortly.

In connection with the offer of a purse of £500 for a boxing match between *Blavin* and *Gibbet*, the California Athletic Club has refused to concede to *Blavin*'s demand for £500 for expenses, and have now matched Peter Jackson against Corbett.

MESSRS. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamer *Albatross* left Vancouver for this port, *via* Japan, on the morning of the 27th inst. The *Albatross* was delivered in New York on the 26th inst.

A GOVERNMENT contractor named Foo Sik was charged by Police Sergeant Hall at the Magistrate's Court this morning with not having taken proper precautions during blasting operations in connection with the drainage work at present being carried on in the Colony. The defendant admitted the charge and was ordered to pay a fine of \$5.

Mr. CHAS. H. Thompson an energetic and sporting member of the gymnasium committee, informs us that the boxing and fencing competitions which were originally fixed for the 9th, are now to come off on the 2nd of March; it being deemed that the latter date will be more suitable, especially for the Naval men who intend taking part in them.

LITERARY ASPIRANT—I have just written a novel. It will make a book of about 400 pages. What step would you advise me to take in getting it published? Literary Veteran—What step? Step into any second-hand book-store and look at the cords of 400 page novels, with the leaves uncut, for sale at 15 cents a copy.

We learn that a proposal will be submitted at the general meeting of the Trust and Loan Co. of China, Japan and the Straits, Ltd., which is to be held in London on the 14th proximo, to change the name of the concern to that of the "Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, Ltd.," and that it is intended to increase the capital by one million sterling.

It was reported heretofore this morning upon the arrival of the *Huangshan* from Macao, that a Chinaman named Man Lau Yuen, who was known to have taken an active part in the *Namoo* piracy, had been arrested by the Macao police, yesterday and that he afterwards committed suicide in jail. As far as we can gather no further particulars are as yet known.

SIR Henry Allen, in a recent letter to *The Times* is capable of reason and falsehood; and that the divorce proceedings, added to his other delinquencies, are destroying irretrievably the Non-conformist confidence. The friends of Mr. Parnell in London declare that the basis of a compromise has been arranged.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a "List of Chinese Light-houses, Light-vessels, Buoys and Beacons for 1891" (corrected to 1st December 1890) issued by the Statistical Department of the Imperial Maritime Customs. The edition now issued contains numerous well executed charts, tide-tables and particulars of lights etc., which under the work not only extremely useful to navigators but a credit to the publishers.

ALWAYS DELIGHTFUL.

In counting days we deepest bliss

Upon the lake to go;

This loving pair, they oft enjoyed

A most delightful row.

In wedlock bonds they're linked for life,

This loving pair, and now

The neighbors say they oft enjoy

A most delightful row.

We read that the furniture of the ex-Emperor of Brazil has been sold at auction. The imperial throne seat for about £74, a Chippendale chair for £200, a winged clock belonging to the ex-Emperor for £300, a prie-dieu for about £15, and the suite of furniture of the ex-Emperor's private room for about £400. Meanwhile the deposed sovereign is quietly going round to Royalty lectures in Paris. And this is what Royalty comes to: but perhaps Dom Pedro was not a bad sort after all, it is in a far more congenial sphere, and much more usefully occupied, than when he sat upon his £74 throne.

ANOTHER woman has taken out a license at New York to command a steam vessel. This is the sphere of work for women constantly extending. Man no longer has the field to himself. Women have entered all the professions, are not unknown in mechanical and other pursuits, and now that they have taken to the sea the time may not be far distant, thinks the *N. Y. Maritime Register*, when Captain Mollys and crews of fast lassies may be sailing the bounding main in command of gallant bark, their husbands and lovers passing many anxious hours until these dear *de* are safe at home again.

As the coasting steamer *Folien*, Capt. Davis, was coming into port, through the Lyceum-moor yesterday morning, she observed a junk bottom upwards and four men clinging to her. A boat was at once lowered and the men rescued. The latter stated that two women and a little girl were beneath the capsize junk and thought it possible that they were yet alive. Accordingly the *Folien*'s sailors set to work to "right" the junk which, when done, resulted in the women and children jumping up out of the cabin looking like rats clearing out of a hole. It is probable that had the women not been rescued so promptly they would have been suffocated. The captain of the *Folien* states that prior to his steamer going to the rescue of these people he observed several fishing craft sail close past the distressed fishermen without attempting to render them any assistance whatever. It is the old story, "water debbils wancher, he, no use my go catcher he. Spote my helpee he, and by my debbils catcher my."

THE *San Francisco Chronicle* walls over the condition of the United States China Squadron squadron thus—"The squadron is a fine field for gossip just now, and although the general public knows little about it, the fact is that the Pacific Squadron is in a most deplorable condition. With the exception of the *Omaha*, which is expected in this port about February 15th, and the *Manzanillo* there is absolutely no vessel on the Asiatic station." Of course, there are some eight or ten men-of-war lying in a more or less damaged condition at the Mare Island Navy Yard, but they are neither useful nor handsome, and, *de* them will be sent to sea for months to come.

THE *Albatross*, *Nippon*, *Marion*, *Swatara* and *Thalia* are undergoing much-needed repairs. The *Charleston* is lying idle and the *San Francisco* is not yet fully equipped. When the *Omaha* arrives to join her invalid sister vessels on the Mare Island Navy Yard dry docks, Admiral Belpash will have no ship on the Pacific ocean to carry his flag. The dropping of the iron brails stays of the *Albat* when she was about to go to sea last month was reported at the time. Since it is every effort to put her in any kind of seaworthy condition has failed, and she is now out of commission for six months, as is said, but more likely for ever. It is now supposed that the *Marion* will be ordered in the *Albat*'s place to the Chinese station, and that Captain Bartlett will take her out. It will, however, take about two months before the *Marion* can be made ready for sea and the *Albat*'s crew is not yet large enough to man the *Marion* fact which has caused additional delay. The *reins* needed on the *Adams*, *Nippon*, *Albat* and *Swatara* will take a long time, and the *Omaha* is said to be in a very bad condition, so that she will be laid up for months after her arrival. The *Charleston* is the only available war ship now on this coast, but she has never been on the Asiatic station, and it is doubted that the Naval Department will order her to go across the Pacific. The *San Francisco* expects to sail for the Chinese waters about January 30th, but until she does so America's vessel will plow the waters of the Pacific to protect our interests or to terrify the natives in distant lands. In the mean time a small army of brass-buttoned heroes of the deep are having a good time around Valjejo, and a vast amount of money is being expended in the navy yard in useless attempts to make a lot of rotten old tubs staunch vessels of war.

GLADSTONE recently wrote a letter to Madame Patti, to the effect that English songs coming from her silvery lips, were sweeter than golden syrup. The Grand Old Man didn't use those exact words, but he got there all the same.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.) that the China Shipowners' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kiowang*, from Middlesbrough and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected on or about the 9th prox.

THE *Nippon* has gained its case against the Authorities. Last September it was fined for publishing an article said to be calculated to bring officials into ridicule. It availed itself of the right granted by the law and carried the case into the Tokyo Local Court, where it obtained a judgment reversing the sentence. Against this verdict the Public Prosecutor appealed, but the Appeal Court yesterday confirmed the decision of the lower court, so the *Nippon* has the pleasure of laughing in its sleeve at its official prosecutors.

It is cabled that before her execution Mrs. Pearcey, the Hampstead murderess, admitted the justice of her sentence, but declared that the sentence was a mistake. This is likely enough, considering that the detective would not the case up on circumstantial evidence, and doubtless strained every nerve to make the links fit. She asked her solicitor to insert in the *Madrid* papers a notice under certain initials, saying "Have not betrayed"—which, as the original theory of the prosecution was that she must have had an accomplice must be regarded as a remarkably clever piece of womanly diplomacy.

A DUTCH contemporary thus—The cost of the funeral of the late King of Holland is estimated at three hundred thousand guilders. It is said that as regards order and regulation there was much left to be desired. The General Secretary has informed Heads of Departments that the telegraphic instructions have been received from the Minister of the Colonies that in future the oath of allegiance is to be taken to H. M. Queen Wilhelmina. The period of heavy mourning for the King has expired, but the performances of the Staff band in Batavia will not be permitted until after the period of full mourning has expired.

THE *Nissblad* learns that in connection with the recent theft of 82,000 guilders in bank notes from a mail packet, which was recently reported in these columns, the numbers of the notes were all, one by one, minutely recorded and they were again verified by a commission that was appointed to be present at the counting, packing and sealing of the money. The numbers of stolen bank notes are being advertised in *Batavia* in the newspapers. The numbers of 200 two hundred guilder notes, 200 of fifty guilder and 200 of twenty-five guilders are given, but it appears that 20,000 guilders of ten guilder notes were stolen, the numbers of which were not taken.

THE *Hochi Shimbun* again draws attention to the fact of Russians whaling in the neighbouring seas of Kushu. On the 6th inst. two Russian whalers entered a port in Nagasaki Bay, nominally to avoid bad weather, but actually to engage in whaling operations in the seas off Kaga-matsurugun and neighbouring islands. In consequence of the Russians, the fishermen in these districts are suffering great privations, for while the last year ten whales were captured within the seas enclosed between Ishidaki and Siragawa, this year only one has been obtained. And yet—well we need not enlarge upon the old story, our lively little neighbours must be thoroughly conversant with the subject ere this.

The lines of Mary Gullagher have not been cast in pleasant places, for poor Mary had at Glasgow, quite recently, to plead guilty to a charge of bigamy. She is a Roman Catholic, and when at the tender age of fourteen married Edwin Clewton, a Protestant (bad luck to him) at Lime-riek. She lived unhappily with him for nine years, and then literally taking up her bed she wandered on to Glasgow, where she became a domestic servant, and married her employers' son. Subsequently, conscience-stricken, she entered a convent, but how Mary eventually found herself at Court, history records not, although it does the fact, that she went to gaol for three weeks for having twice consented to make a man happy.

The report of the U. S. Bureau of Navigation shows that the decline in the amount of American registered vessel tonnage, which practically amounts to a deep-water tonnage, is continuing during the last fiscal year was nearly seventy-five thousand tons. In one way this decrease is not so bad as it at first seems. It is not as if there was a decline in all classes of vessels. Our Cousins have not yet taken to building from sailing vessels of large tonnage and there has as yet been no demand upon their builders for ocean steamships, outside of a few orders for regular liners. The decrease, therefore, is largely from the loss or sale of old type wooden sailing vessels. When the Americans take up sailing again on an extensive scale, as they undoubtedly will, they will not be handicapped with a big fleet of old craft, but will have the newest kind of cargo and passenger steamers. It is probable that from the side of the Atlantic will be stayed steamers to carry passengers only, leaving the freight to the slower but less expensive cargo steamers. The situation is not so bad as the navigation returns would indicate, and the activity in the *Frisco* yards where several Pacific Mail liners are on the stocks bespeaks an era of progress in this important industry.

MANILA, in common with Hongkong, is being "visited" by gangs of murderous ruffians as will be seen by the following translation from a Manila paper—On the evening of the 15th inst. a daring attack was made by a band of armed men in the Procuration of the Franciscans at Manila. While five of the padres were sitting engaged in conversation in one of the rooms a strange man was seen in the doorway, who on being asked what he wanted returned no answer and ran away. The idea at once suggested itself that they were attacked, and on going out into the passage they were met by a crowd of armed men with knives. A severe struggle ensued, the padres defending themselves with the furniture. At such a disadvantage they naturally had little chance, and the thieves took the Procurator's keys from him, and compelling him to go with them to his cell, they obtained possession of a bag containing 3000. Meanwhile two of the padres had succeeded in escaping to their cells from the windows of which they called for assistance, and in course of time the police appeared on the scene. Most of the robbers succeeded in getting away, but four of them were caught in the grounds and a number of other men were arrested later on and detained on suspicion. Father Jimenez, the Procurator, was dangerously wounded, having received five cuts, three on the head and one on each hand. The porter of the convent was also dangerously wounded and had the left arm dislocated. The report and statement of accounts in connection with the case are as follows:—The Chairman—Gentlemen, I take the chair with great regret owing to the absence of our worthy Chairman, the Hon. P. Ryle, who is confined to his house through indisposition. I am sure you will all join with me in the hope that he may soon regain his wonted health and that his business may be conducted to us for a time (applies). The report and statement of accounts I propose, as is customary here, we take as read. With reference to the earnings I may say that business has been very dull during the past half year, the violent fluctuations in exchange having had the effect of considerably curtailing exports from China. The chief cause of the great falling off in our receipts, however, has been the keen opposition which is now going on. The cause of that opposition is, I am too well known to render it necessary for me to dwell upon it.

A FEW nights ago a Sikh policeman was assaulted by a soldier whilst on duty on Kennedy Road. The soldier, it is alleged, knocked the Sikh down and besides jumping upon him drew the constable's truncheon and struck him several blows. A European noticed the assault from a distance but before he could get to the assistance of the constable the soldier had run away. The latter could not doubt, he accommodated with his deserts if he were to call at the Central Station, but "will he come again?"

AN affectionate boarder was brought up before a Melbourne magistrate recently and fined 60s. for a wild romantic passion in a hash-house. He was a coarse, ordinary boarder, with no lofty sentiment or nobility of soul, but the landlady was young and fair and too beautiful for earth, and he longed to win her love and start a home of his own where she could wash the floors for him, and shine his boots, and make herself otherwise useful. And at last early one morning, while the lady was in the bath-room and standing pensively under the shower, she heard him pouring out his 'ale of devotion through the keyhole. She clutched the tap hysterically for support and bade him depart, but he only wailed sorrowfully at the orifice. Then she hesitated whether to dive into the uttermost depths of the bath and conceal herself by making a lather in the water, or whether to leap out and hang on desperately to the door, but while she was thinking he became so urgent in his entreaties that she decided on the latter course. She braced her head and her two hands against the panel and planted both feet against the opposite wall and told him that she could never reciprocate his passion. Then he shed tears through the keyhole and begged for some token of remembrance, if it were only one kiss—one little kiss—and the lady tried to get into her dressing-gown with one hand and put on her boots with the other, and hold the door with her head and one foot, all at the same moment, while she urged him to wait another for she could never be his. She heard him sit down heavily in the passage at this announcement, and she seized the opportunity to fix herself up—all, but her hair. Then she went out meaning to say something gentle and comforting, but the distracted lover hit her on the eye and the ear, and tried to bite a piece out of her, and was just shoving her into the bath and turning the tap on her head, when another boarder kicked him tenderly in the back and, nearly broke him in six places. He wasn't able to raise the 60s., so he got a month instead.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

January 30th.

SAUNDERS V. SHEPHERD. The hearing of this case was resumed. Mr. Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Leach, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, for the defence.

Olivia Shaw, 55 Hollywood Road, said she at one time lived at No. 44 Lyndhurst Terrace with the plaintiff. She has known him 21 years. She arrived in the Colony in 1868 and went to her house. She knew Apar and of her own knowledge Apar told her that he bought the furniture in the house. Miss Saunders had told her in February 1890 that she meant to pay the money for it. At one time Miss Saunders told her the furniture was hers, at another time she said she was Mr. Apar's housekeeper, and at another time she said Mr. Apar had put the furniture in the house for her to pay him back. Witness remembered a meeting Miss Saunders had with Mr. Van Eps which related to the bill of sale. Mr. Apar wanted \$16,000 on the furniture and said it was worth \$23,000. He said he would make her a present of the difference. A memorandum was signed in the presence of Miss Barnes, Mr. Apar, Van Eps and witness, dated 7th February, 1889. Apar said he would give her the lease of the house for two years but she wanted her own time to pay it in. Miss Saunders and Mr. Apar had frequent quarrels about the payment of bills, and Apar wanted her to sign the bill of sale. Witness left on the last day of April. She had no personal interest in this suit. Whilst she was in the house Miss Saunders was always crying for want of money, and witness believed at that time she had none.

Cross-examined—Mr. Apar refused several times to give Miss Saunders money. Whilst I was in America letters passed between myself and Miss Saunders; she wanted some girls brought over with me. When I came I went to the house and paid Miss Saunders \$120 per month for board and lodgings. There were two other girls who paid the same as myself. Witness was always sold and Miss Saunders took the money. There was a little jealousy between Miss Saunders and Mr. Apar. He threatened to put Miss Saunders and all of us out. Then Miss Saunders was anxious for the lease from Mr. Apar. On her birthday they made it up, he giving her a diamond ring. Miss Saunders asked me to coax him to give her a lease which would be a better birthday present. Mr. Apar refused positively, and I gave the ring back to Miss Saunders. Things then quieted down till there was a talk of her going to America to bring out some girls. The question of the lease then again came up, and at that time they estimated the debt at about \$5000 and she was to receive \$1,000 to go away to America.

I will merely say that it was in no way provoked by this Company, and your Directors can only express a hope that the difference between the Shipping Companies in the North, which are so affecting our earnings, may soon be satisfactorily adjusted. When last we met, you were informed that it had been found necessary to withdraw the *Huangshan* for the purpose of repairing the leakage of her boilers. At that time we had no idea that the repairs would last so long. As stated in the report, we were deprived of the use of this steamer for 31 months and the loss to the Company through laying her up was considerable. For the actual cost of placing the boilers in an efficient state, of course, claim on the builders under the terms of our agreement. We have only quite recently been able to send forward full particulars of this claim, but we have no reason to suppose that it will be met other than in a fair spirit. It is perhaps too early yet to say whether the repairs have been entirely successful, but the Captain and chief engineer report that since the steamer resumed running everything has been working smoothly. The vessel has proved a very suitable one for the trade. She has fine facilities for the quick receipt and delivery of cargo, which can all be stowed on deck, thus effecting a great saving in coaling time, which enables us to carry common or junk cargo at very cheap rates. Quantity affects her speed favourably, and as trade improves I have no doubt that this boat will largely increase the earnings of the line. With regard to her speed she is fully up to the requirements of the contract, and passengers seem satisfied with the time she is making. She was only detained by low water at Macao on two occasions in December last, and of course this will happen periodically until something has been done to alter the shallow state of the harbour. I understand that a special commission is now sitting on this important question and I believe that the Macao Government is fully alive to the fact that something will have to be done. Our receipts under the head of interest are smaller than they were during the preceding six months, but this arises from the fact that we have had less funds to invest, owing to the money paid out for the value of the vessel.

Mr. S. Cohen seconded the Chairman's proposition and in a few minutes the meeting adjourned.

The re-election of Messrs. A. O'D. Gouda and F. Henderson as auditors for the current year was proposed by Mr. F. D. Well, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cox, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of this meeting. I have to tell you that Dividend Warrants will be ready to-morrow morning (applause).

That ends the business of the meeting.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—Mr. F. Fleming, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary); Mr. W. M. Gordon (Attorney-General); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Mr. T. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Messrs. C. P. Chater, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kwi, and J. J. Keswick (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M. Thomson, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The Colonial Secretary presided at the meeting of the Council this afternoon and in taking his seat said he had to express his regret that His Excellency the Governor, through indisposition, was unable to be present. Under the *Crewa Regulations*, No. 17 of 1888, he had much pleasure in conducting the business of the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH.

The Colonial Secretary said that the Queen had signified her approval of the appointment of Mr. T. H. Stewart-Lockhart, the Registrar-General, to a seat in the Council, but owing to that official's absence from the colony there had been no opportunity, until now, of administering the oath to him. It would therefore be done at the present meeting.

Mr. Stewart-Lockhart then proceeded to the head of the table where the oath was administered to him in the usual way.

FINANCE MINUTES.

The Attorney-General moved that the two finance minutes laid on the table should be submitted to the Finance Committee. Agreed.

NATURALIZATION ORDINANCES.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the naturalization of Edward Teas MacPegui."

Mr. W. M. Deane seconded and it was agreed to.

PASSED THIRD READING.

Ordinances for the naturalization of Messrs. Lai Sui Tong and Choi Wai otherwise Choi Tai, merchants of Bonham Strand, were read a third time in Committee and passed.

THE NEW BANKRUPTCY LAW.

The Attorney-General said that with reference to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy" he was of opinion that it being a very important measure and one that required very careful consideration he would be loath to inflict on the whole Council until amended in a manner which should render it fairly complete. He therefore thought it would be to the advantage of the House if the Bill were referred to the Law Committee which would, of course, go over the whole Bill clause by clause and draw up a report on it. He thought that method preferable to going through the new, proposed law before the full Council.

Mr. W. M. Deane seconded.

The Colonial Secretary said the importance of the Bill was undoubted. On the other hand it was a measure that should be carefully studied clause by clause. He could see no objection to it being referred to the Law Committee, in fact that course of procedure would be advisable from every point of view. Honourable members would have the Bill submitted to them later on, together with the Committee's report thereon, when it would then be open to any member to suggest any amendments which he thought advisable. The Bill had been under good deal of consideration and so it was not quite surprising that through it before the whole Council clause by clause. He only mentioned that because he thought it ought not to pass before it had received very full consideration, which could be devoted to it by the Law Committee.

Mr. Whitehead—I have heard that a new bankruptcy Ordinance was passed at Singapore recently, and would be glad to know if Government will give members of Council a copy of that Ordinance for their guidance.

The Colonial Secretary—How long ago was that Ordinance passed?

Mr. Whitehead—I don't know, but am informed it is of recent date.

The Colonial Secretary said he was not aware of it, though he thought that it might be advisable for hon. members to see that Ordinance before passing the amended bankruptcy law. That, however, would not stop the Law Committee from proceeding with its labours at once. He would undertake to mention the subject to the Governor whom he felt sure would walk until a copy of such an Ordinance arrived prior to the passage of the local Act.

Mr. Whitehead then suggested that copies of the amended bankruptcy Ordinance should be submitted to the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Chamber of Commerce in order that their opinions might be obtained.

The Colonial Secretary replied to the effect that he did not know whether the Chamber of Commerce would suggest any very material alterations; however, he would mention the suggestion to the Governor. As to the Supreme Court, perhaps the Judges had seen the Bill already.

It was then agreed to refer the Ordinance to the Law Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Colonial Secretary—That is all the business before this meeting. I cannot quite say when His Excellency the Governor would like the next meeting to be held, but as it is necessary that a certain day should be fixed I propose next Monday week, if the Governor wishes he can convene a meeting before then.

Mr. W. M. Deane mentioned that Monday week would be Chinese New Year.

The Colonial Secretary then proposed that the Council be adjourned until next Monday fortnight, the 16th prox., pending His Excellency's pleasure respecting a meeting prior to that date. The Council then adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The sums of \$300 as an allowance in lieu of quarters of six teachers of the Government schools, and \$240 as an allowance to the Seward of the Civil Hospital for collecting hospital bills, at the rate of \$20 per month during the current year, were voted.

The Committee then adjourned sine die.

THE VICTORIA HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

The annual distribution of prizes and presents to the pupils of the above institution took place this morning at the Church Mission House, West Point. There were present—Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Keswick, Mrs. Hannay, Mrs. Bell-Irving, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Blackburn, S. Stewart-Lockhart, Esq., J. J. Francis, Esq., and Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Field, Miss Davis, Miss Rowe, Pastor Hartmann, Mrs. Reusch, Rev. J. Rossard, Rev. W. Bannister, Dr. and Mrs. Browning, Mr. Robinson, Miss Tapson, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Fung and others.

The Rev. J. B. Ost read a lengthy report of the institution, which now contains sixty-six pupils, Chinese and Eurasians giving a *resume* of the third year of its existence. At the conclusion of which he added they were at all times very pleased to show visitors over the institution to witness the progress of their work.

Mrs. Forbes then distributed the prizes in a manner which quite won the confidence of the recipients, all of whom were somewhat bashful about facing the platform. This difficulty was obviated by Mrs. Forbes kindly advancing to the front of the table, and aided by Mrs. Ost, the happy procession moved on. A few remarks by Mr. and Mrs. Ost on the history and character of the prize winners were very interesting, especially the description of the ballot for the good conduct prize which resulted in two girls receiving equal votes, one of whom was the choice of last year by a majority vote.

The prizes being distributed, Mr. Francis rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ost for their devoted and energetic labours in the good cause. He said, a stranger to the institution by his own fault, and he now regretted that he had not hitherto taken an interest in a work so evidently productive of the most gratifying results. He would, for the future, help forward what he now saw and believed to be a noble and disinterested effort, in the cause of religion—a cause deserving the hearty co-operation of all, irrespective of creed or nationality.

Mr. Ost, whilst disclaiming any special need of praise, said that all that had been done was with the one aim of benefiting the inmates of the Home, many of them, needed saving in a double sense.

The Registrar-General in seconding Mr. Francis, remarked how the great moral improvement evident in the manner and conversation of the girls was a source of gratification to him, so great was it in fact, that he had a difficulty in recognizing some whom he had seen under other circumstances.

A pretty rendering of the National Anthem in Chinese, accompanied by Mrs. Ost at the harmonium closed a most agreeable hour and the girls had then an opportunity of regaling themselves with tea and sweetmeats *à la Chinoise*.

MADAME PATEY'S CONCERT.

We doubt if Madame Patey even in her lengthened career as a concert and an oratorio singer, ever faced a more enthusiastic audience than that which assembled at the Regent's Hall last night to listen to this favorite songstress, and the other no less talented members of her small but highly artistic company. Many went there not to revive memories of other days, when "Madame" and they were younger, and others who had never had the pleasure of hearing her before. Neither could there have been in any way disappointed, for time has dealt kindly with the lady both as regards voice and appearance. It is a pity, though, that the management did not see fit to engage a part of the Regimental band, even if only to fill up the orchestra and play orchestral pieces and to play during the intervals, for nothing can be more tedious, to ladies especially, than to be forced to sit for such a length of time trying to gaze unconsciously into space or having to carry on gossip in a whisper lest the next-door neighbour should overhear. To business, however, Mr. Hermann Morris—who by the way he might have chosen a more euphonious name, if he had any say in the matter—was in a finished manner, opened proceedings by singing in brilliant style, the "Polish Dances" and the audience had just settled down, in good humour with itself and the world in general, when a vision of loveliness, with the voice of an angel, in the form of Miss Bertha Rossow came on to sing *Bellet's "Qui La Voce"*. Miss Rossow is the fortunate possessor of a soprano voice which, of moderate compass, is beautifully true. She is also an artist to her finger-tips and at once established herself with the audience, who like historical Oliver clapped for more, but only got smiling bows for their pains. In selecting "I am a Roamer" for his opening song Mr. J. G. Patey was not happy in his choice—he did not know his audience perhaps, and in it he was only moderately successful. Mr. J. Lemmon (who by the way is no stranger in Hongkong, having been here with Miss Amy Stewart) in his flute solo an "Italian Rhapsody" fairly brought down the house and was deservedly applauded to the echo. The admiral in a storm of applause Madame Patey tripped on to sing "Che Faro" which with the exception of one or two slips, she rendered in her own artistic style. "Madame" was twice recalled and each time bowed her acknowledgments, much to the regret of the hungry audience. In "Three Wishes" Miss Rossow scored another triumph and in response to repeated demands of encore, charmed the house with her rendering of "Comal" (third time). The first part of the programme was brought to a conclusion by a *duet* (duo and piano) by Messrs. Lemmon

and Morris, which was splendidly executed. Space will not permit of a detailed criticism of the second part of the concert but Madame Patey's rendering of the "Minstrel Boy," "The Land of the Leal" and the encore which followed, "The Laird O' Cockpen" was a treat worth going any distance to listen to. Miss Rossow's singing of the ballad "Call me back" was also thoroughly appreciated and loudly applauded, and she was equally happy in her duet with Mr. Patey, upon the conclusion of which, the audience rather regretfully took up their gear and "got." By the way we noticed by the programme that the authorship of "The Land of the Leal" was unknown. In our young days Lady Nairne was generally credited with having given this beautiful song to an unsympathetic world.

FORMOSA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TAMSUI, January 24th, 1891.

THE GOVERNOR STILL WANTS LEAVE.

His Excellency Liu Ming Chuan, the energetic Governor of this island, though recently improved in an imperial decree for lack of respect for the Dragon Throne, has again memorialized the Emperor for permission to retire to his health. If any reluctance to be placed on public opinion, he may eventually gain his object, but in official circles it is gravely doubted whether His Imperial Majesty will tolerate the maintenance of such an obstinate attitude by his (in)significant servant. Many of those who are fairly versed in the numerous difficulties with which his Ex. is surrounded sincerely hope the result of this fresh memorial may turn out triumphs for him, but others again, who may cherish similar hopes for the welfare of "the one man who has done something for Formosa," cannot conceal their apprehensions respecting such bold attempts to obtain Imperial favour in the very teeth of powerful enemies at Peking, who seek not only to throw our Governor into hot, but even boiling water. The latter party is one which none but Liu himself and those who share his confidence can suggest a satisfactory answer to. One point, however, set forth as

PART OF THE REASON.

for the Governor's policy is, that he being a head-strong, progressive man, with a keen sense of public duty, whatever he considers will result in benefit to his people he is sure to introduce regardless of cost and trouble. Whenever opposition to his plans comes from those who challenge his progress on the path of duty he never gives way without a desperate struggle lasting weeks at a time, and sometimes months. This, of course, is far from pleasing to those bigoted Conservatives, who complain that he is too much of a reformer, and too much of a trouble-maker, who cling so pertinaciously to the strings of the Imperial Court—men who desire provincial Governors to cringe to them like dogs before their masters. Having such powerful enemies at Court, through whose hands everything he wants must pass, Liu has on many occasions come out of the struggle with anything but flying colours.

THREATENING HIS SCHEMES.

Take, for instance, Liu's attempts to improve the revenue of the island with a view to making it gradually, partially if not wholly, self-supporting, and raising its status to the level, in every respect, of other provinces, which have almost always been blessed by the short-sighted cruelties of the young Emperor, although they have met with that favour which was due to the Imperial revenue would have been augmented, to no small extent and Formosa, instead of being a burden to the State, would have been far otherwise. Not only has the Tsungli Yamen thwarted Liu's schemes but on several occasions yielded him petty severely and allowed Censors to yield their pens in caustic memorials, calculated to bring ruin on him and the people he governs. It is therefore, to contend, extremely probable that continuous disappointment has rendered Liu indignant and he has chosen the only course open to him in the circumstances, namely, virtual resignation of his post, commonly known as "retirement to recover health." Piled be Formosa if Governor Liu turns his back on it! However, it may be that Liu is before his time; at least it may be said that a reformer is not without honour save in his own house and amongst his own people.

OPENING OF THE KILUNG RAILWAY.

The Kilung line has been opened for traffic and trains run over the road three daily, up to within half a mile of the port itself. On the day of the opening of the line the people (foreigners and railway big-wigs) celebrated the event in a champagne breakfast, where the health of Liu and everyone of importance was drunk with great enthusiasm.

THE CAMPHOR MONOPOLY.

A few days ago the so-called camphor monopoly became a thing of the past, the Governor having received telegraphic instructions from the central government to abolish it. The strange part of the business is that those who have systematically intrigued against the monopoly were those who first conceived the idea of monopolizing the industry, but were out-bid when the farm was put up to public tender. Perhaps those gentlemen will explain why they changed colour so quickly.

CANTONESE PLANTERS ARRIVE.

During the past year several well-to-do Cantonese have come to Formosa and leased large tracts of land which they have planted with rice, tobacco, sugar-cane, coffee, indigo and other products which must turn out triumphs for the Imperial Maritime Customs revenues by and by, in the shape of a great augmentation to export duties. At an early date these planters intend to petition for vast estates in the interior whereon to extend their operations on a large scale.

A GOLD MINING CONCESSION.

A gentleman of the name of Hui has obtained a concession of a gold-field at Pa-tau (Kilung district) and the government has graciously consented to waive its right to levy royalty on the proceeds of the first year's working, so as to give the enterprise a fair start.

Taking everything into consideration I am of opinion that did the Central Government give Liu *carte blanche* to conduct the affairs of this island as he may deem fit and aid him for two or three years in the development of various enterprises, grant him a few thousand braves to crush the savages with, and thereby afford security to all respectable inhabitants of this "island state," then there can be no doubt but that Formosa would be a source of great profit to the Government and a happy field of industry for millions of China's teeming population.

LATER.

I hear that extensive operations against the savages are to be commenced forthwith upon the arrival of "braves" from Yangtze ports.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the proprietors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company was held recently at the offices, Leadenhall-street, London. The report showed that the net profit for the year, including £1,077,177 brought forward, amounted to £2,020,924, which after deducting the interest on return of capital and the interim dividend of 25 per cent. on the deferred and 31 per cent. on the deferred stock, left a balance of £1,077,177, which was divided into 100 shares of £10 each, and 100 shares of £5 each, and 100 shares of £2 10s each, and 100 shares of £1 each, and 100 shares of 10s each, and 100 shares of 5s each, and 100 shares of 2s 6d each, and 100 shares of 1s 6d each, and 100 shares of 1s 3d each, and 100 shares of 1s each, and 100 shares of 6d each, and 100 shares of 4d each, and 100 shares of 3d each, and 100 shares of 2d each, and 100 shares of 1d each, and 100 shares of 1/2d each, and 100 shares of 1/4d each, and 100 shares of 1/8d each, and 100 shares of 1/16d each, and 100 shares of 1/32d each, and 100 shares of 1/64d each, and 100 shares of 1/128d each, and 100 shares of 1/256d each, and 100 shares of 1/512d 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1/22300745198530623141535718272648361505980416d each, and 100 shares of 1/44601490397061246283071436545296723011960832d each, and 100 shares of 1/89202980794122492566142873090593446023921664d each, and 100 shares of 1/178405961588244985132285746181186892047843328d each, and 100 shares of 1/3568119231764899702645

Today's
Advertisements.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"GUALIOR,"
Capt. F. L. Cole, will leave for the above
ports, on SATURDAY, the 14th February, at
NOON.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1891. [208]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of 6 per cent.
on \$1.00 per share, declared at the Ordina-
ry Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held
this day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after
SATURDAY, the 31st instant.
Shareholders are requested to apply at the
Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1891. [209]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
named Lodge will be held in the FREEMAS-
ONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY
EVENING, the 2nd February, at 8.30 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1891. [199]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG, 1891.

(Subject to Alteration).
BATAVIA, THURSDAY, Feb. 5th.

THE Steamship
"BATAVIA,"
sailing at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 5th Feb.,
1891, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via
INLAND SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To Vancouver and Victoria, Tacoma, \$210.00
To Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, \$215.00
To Portland, Oregon, \$220.00
To Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul, \$225.00
To Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee, \$230.00
To St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, \$235.00
To Hamilton, Kingston, London (Ont.),
Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, New
York, Albany, Buffalo, Niagara
Falls, Baltimore, Philadelphia and
Washington, \$240.00
To Quebec, Boston, Portland (Maine),
Halifax, St. John, \$245.00
To Liverpool, \$250.00
To London, via Liverpool, \$255.00
To Paris and Bremen, \$260.00
To Havre and Hamburg, \$265.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of steamers.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials.
Return Tickets.—First and second class only.
—Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Ports,
and to Eastern and Interior Ports of Canada
and U.S.A. will be granted, available for—
6 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare.
50 per cent.
(Time is reckoned from the date of landing to
date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.)
Passengers to Pacific Coast Ports and to Inter-
ior and Eastern Ports of Canada and U.S.A.
not holding prepaid return tickets but who re-
embark within 12 months from date of landing
at Vancouver will be allowed 10 per cent. off
the return fare.
Prepaid return tickets to European ports will
be issued available for 12 months at double
fares (Mexican Dollars).
CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to
Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian
and United States Ports.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer
to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General
Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific
Railway Company, Vancouver, B. C.
Parcels must be sent to our Office with
address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day
previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1891. [114]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH
AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON FOR LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 15th day of February,
1891, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"BAYERN," Captain J. Mergel, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, calling at Genoa.
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.
Cargo will be received on Board until 4 p.m.
Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 14th
February. (Parcels not to be sent on Board)
they must be left at the Agency's Office. Con-
sular and Value of Packages are required.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
For further Particulars, apply to
MILNERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1891. [16]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship
"BELGIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd February,
at 1 P.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
All Passengers and Parcels should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received at
the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco, \$225.00
To San Francisco and return, 393.75
To Liverpool, 325.00
To London, 332.00

To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-
stined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1891. [12]

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN,
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA,
GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRIN-
DISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND
LONDON.

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERMAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAM-
BURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GANGES," Captain T. J. Alderton, with Her
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this
Port for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUEZ
CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 5th February, at
NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.,
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until
4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo. General Cargo
for London will be conveyed via Bombay without
transshipment, arriving one week later than by
the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

Tea will be sent either via Bombay or
Colombo, according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and
PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hong-
kong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are re-
quired to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for
Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1891. [14]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via
YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 14th Feb.,
at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for
Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans
of the United States, via Overland Railways,
to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco, \$225.00
To San Francisco and return, 393.75
To Liverpool, 325.00
To London, 332.00

To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare.
This allowance does not apply to through fares
from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.,
Parcels and Specie until 5 P.M. same day;
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full, and value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo de-
stined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1891. [12]

Consignees.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BATAVIA,"
FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1891. [114]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1891. [12]

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', LONDON
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"WILLIAM BRANFORD."

Captain F. Brown, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the undersigned for Counter-signature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.
All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the
5th February, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1891. [120]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous—may be secured by
a payment at the rate of:—

£ 7 7 6 (per quarter if commenced at age
25 14 2 (n. b.) 25
10 11 2 30
13 4 10 35
17 15 8 40
21 18 6 45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY IN
LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are pre-
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and
LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1890. [164]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY
OF THE
UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [156]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods
& Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [121]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, £33,333.33
EQUAL TO £33,333.33
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [120]

NOTICE.

JAY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JAY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of
JAY'S PERFECT DISINFECTANT, and
JAY'S PRESERVATIVE, and JAY'S
WOOD PRESERVER, at Wholesale Prices, to suit
traders in Shipping and Large Orders.

St. ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.M., Chief
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board,
London, says:
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1891. [12]

Hotels.

THE SHAMKIN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting
Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table d'Hôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expe-
rienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, &c., of the best
quality only.

A. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [1047]

THE HOTEL MARINA.

THIS strictly FIRST CLASS HOTEL, now
moored in the Harbour of Victoria, offers
guests exceptional advantages for Healthfulness
and Refreshing breezes—the avoidance of street
noises, and unwholesome odours, &c.

Grand Promenade Deck, Airy Dining Room,
Ladies' Parlor, Billiard and Reading Rooms,
Commodious Bedrooms, with separate Bathroom
and Verandah to each.

The Table d'Hôte is unexcelled.

The Hotel Launch runs regularly to and from
Peddar's Wharf and the Hotel Free of Charge;
for time table see Bills.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1890. [1178]

THE BOA VISTA.

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.

THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one
of the best and healthiest parts of Macao,
and commanding an admirable view facing the
South, was OPENED as a HOTEL on the
1st July.

Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with
excellent cuisine and choice Wines.

Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths.
Large and well Ventilated Dining, Billiard, and
Reading Rooms, and well supplied Bar.

A small dairy is attached to the premises.
Mrs. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS,
Proprietress.

Intimations

NOTICE.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SANDAKAN.

IN ITS PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will and Estate of CHARLES WALTER
FLINT, of Sandakan, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors
and other persons having any claims
against the Estate of CHARLES WALTER
FLINT, deceased, late of Sandakan, Merchant,
Probate of whose Will has been granted by the
High Court of Sandakan, to H. B. DUNLOP of
Sandakan, Executor appointed by the Will of
the said deceased, are hereby required to send in
particulars of such claims to the said under-
signed, on or before the Thirtieth day of
October, 1891. And Notice is hereby given that
after such date the said Executor will proceed to
distribute the assets of the said deceased among
the parties entitled thereto having regard only
to the claims of which he shall then have had
notice.

Dated this First day of November, 1890.

P. F. J. MARCUS,
Registrar.

Receiver for the said Executor.

High Court,
Sandakan. [163]

THE SHANGHAI CHROMO AND PHOTO
LITHOGRAPHIC COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

Chromo Lithographers, Photo Lithographers,
Lithographers Colourprinters, Colour
Manufacturers, &c.

CAPITAL PAID UP £50,000 TAELS.
30,000 TAELS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
H. VINAY, Esq., Chairman.
JOHN MITCHELL, Esq.,
N. E. CORNISH, Esq.,
YUN ZIN CHAI, Esq.,
LUK KING NAM, Esq.,
TSO TSZE CHIM, Esq.

GENERAL MANAGER:
R. A. DE VILLARD, Esq.

BANKERS:
THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

THE Company assisted by foreign (English)
Chromo Artists and under foreign manage-
ment undertake Artistic works of any kind, as
reproduction of Paintings and Lithographic
Art works, colour printing of any kind (almanacs,
show cards, placards, plans, maps, charts, labels
of every kind, Chop, &c.) in foreign and Chinese
style. Embossing and printing of Monograms,
fine art letter paper, cards, programmes, menus,
&c., &c.

WALTER W. BREWER,
Sole Agent,
for Hongkong and the Southern ports.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1890. [142]

SCOTT'S
EMULSION

OF PURE COD LIVER OIL
With Hypophosphites of Lime & Soda

PALATABLE AS MILK.

The only preparation of COD LIVER OIL that can
be taken readily and without a long time.

AS A REMEDY FOR CONSUMPTION,
BRONCHITIS, CROUP, HOARSENESS,
ANEMIA, GENERAL DEBILITY, COUGH,
AND THROAT AFFECTIONS, AND ALL
WASTING DISORDERS OF CHILDREN.

It is the most powerful and reliable of all
remedies for the above ailments.

SOLD BY ALL CHEMISTS.
Agents for China and Hongkong:
Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co. (LIMITED).
Hongkong, 20th December, 1890.

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS
AND
CONTRACTORS.

YAU-MAT ENGINEERING WORKS,
KOWLOON.

OFFICE—No. 12, D'Almeida Street.
Hongkong, 20th August, 1890. [104]

Amusements.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

"THE GONDOLIERS."

The Society will give their
FIVE PERFORMANCES
OF THIS OPERA

on the following dates, commencing
EACH EVENING, at 9 p.m. precisely.
SATURDAY, 19th January.
MONDAY and Tuesday.
SATURDAY, 27th February.
MONDAY, 3rd February.
SATURDAY, 14th February.

Tickets to the First Performance \$3 each, to
the other Four \$2 each.
Season Tickets for all Five Performances \$